



# GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



## Habitats

Calcareous sandstone ledges

Sand bottom communities

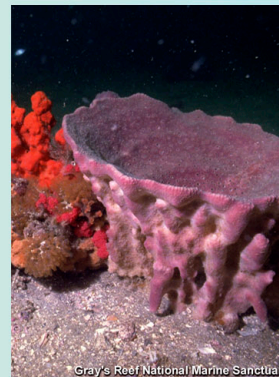
Tropical/temperate reef



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## Key Species

Northern right whale

Loggerhead sea turtle

Grouper

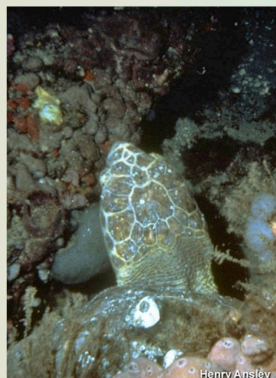
Black sea bass

Angelfish

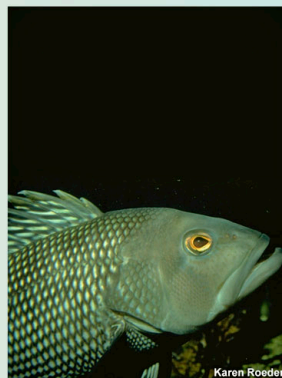
Vase sponge

Ivory bush coral

Sea whips



Henry Ansley



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## Astonishing Fact

*Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary is the only national marine sanctuary where bison remains have been found.*





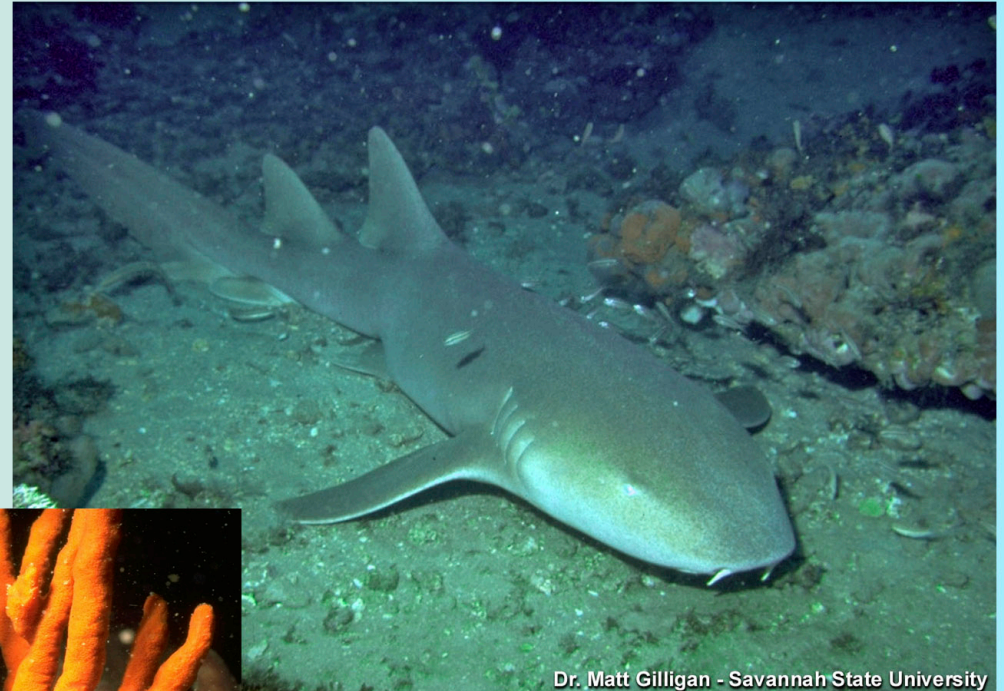


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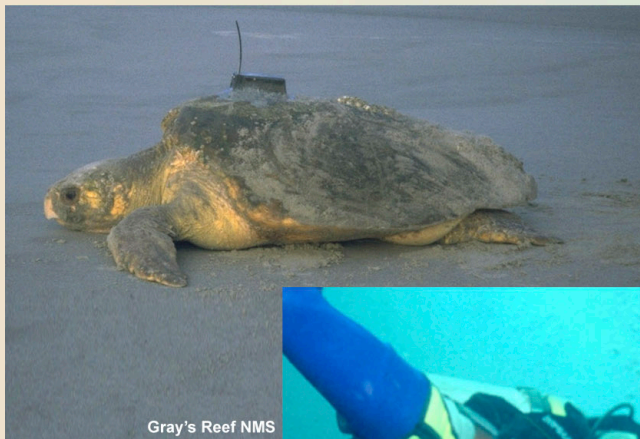


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*This shallow reef—a submerged island of sandstone on a sea of sand—was exposed during the last Ice Age, when bison and other animals roamed on the exposed landscape.*



Dr. Matt Gilligan - Savannah State University



Gray's Reef NMS



Steve Gittings



Karen Angle

*Sanctuary designation  
January 1981*